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## WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Can it be that the determination of the Patterson followers to prevent legislation is nothing less than a deep laid conspiracy to keep Patterson in office? Evidence multiplies to prove that such is the hope of the members who have violated their obligation to the people by refusing to attend the sessions of the House. It is a deep laid, reprehensible plot, one that can only bring added woe to the people of Tennessee, and yet only a short time ago many of these same "harmonizers" were loudly declaring that Patterson and Pattersonism were eliminated from the politics of Tennessee.

The responsibility for the deplorable state of affairs which exist in this strife cursed State rests solely with Patterson conspirators. A failure to legislate this winter means that after March 19 the pensions to the old Confederate heroes will stop. This may be a literal carrying into effect the ante-election threat that the old heroes would suffer the loss of their pensions if they supported Hooper.

The failure of the Pattersonites to perform their duties means that after March 19 the hospitals for the insane, the blind school, the deaf and dumb school and the other noble charities of the State will be without funds. There will be no funds for criminal prosecution, in fact the wheels of government will stop. The office holders can perhaps get along for awhile without any compensation but what of the helpless wards of the State? Will the people of Tennessee approve a conspiracy on the part of the representatives that denies them the means of support?

This State has fallen upon evil days. Conditions do not improve. The element which is behind the conspirators will stop at nothing. They seem determined to plunge the State still further into turmoil and strife and to bring added woe upon its people. This is a time for serious reflection. Patriotic citizens of all parties cannot but condemn a condition of affairs that is fraught with such terrible consequences. It is time to call a halt. Factionalism, a lust for office, a desire for revenge, these have carried the Patterson followers too far.

## THE ROAD LAW.

Let us hope that the Senator and Representatives from this county will lay aside all factional feeling and acting with an eye single to the highest interests of the county, yield obedience to the request of the county court to re-enact the road law of 1909. It would be unfortunate if, because of political differences between the Senator and Representatives, this much needed legislation should be delayed. Of course it is by no means certain, despite newspaper statements to the contrary, that the act of 1909 will fail because of a change in population. But it would be infinitely better to re-enact the law and settle the question without delay instead of having a long legal contest with the costs and feeling that would necessarily result therefrom.

There should be no unnecessary delay in the enactment of this legislation. The roads require constant attention and the present system, while it has some faults that might be remedied, has proven generally acceptable. In fact it is in many respects the best road law of which we have any knowledge. Those who deny that Maury county has made progress in road construction during recent years are either ignorant of the situation or they are unwilling to do justice to those who have wrought much for the betterment of the highways.

The county court is made up of members of both political parties and it has within its membership members of both factions of the Democratic party and its request to the legislature should be convincing proof of the sentiment of the county. Not only do the people approve the law, but as a business proposition there should be no delay about re-enacting the road law.

The appointment of Mrs. Katie May Carmack Granbery as assistant engraving clerk of the House by Speaker Leach was a graceful act. It shows the finer and higher sensibilities of the Speaker. The offer was a voluntary one, the young woman having made no contest for the place. It is an act that every friend of Senator Carmack in Tennessee will deeply appreciate.

## SPEAKER BAXTER.

Undoubtedly the Senate, under the circumstances, selected the most acceptable candidate when it elected Col. Nat Baxter Speaker. Only one thing can be said against Col. Baxter and that is his politics. He will not, however, let us hope, prove to be a bitter and unreasoning partisan. On the contrary The Herald cherishes the belief that he will be actuated by a high conception of the exalted office which he has been called upon to fill. Col. Baxter is a man of affairs. He has been successful in large business enterprises and the election of one of his character, standing and attainments is not a bad augury for Tennessee.

Unquestionably Col. Baxter will make a better speaker than McKay or Turner would have made. We cannot believe that Col. Baxter could so far forget his sacred obligation to the people that he would flee the State in order to prevent the enforcement of laws which he had taken a solemn oath to uphold and defend. And that is just what Turner and McKay did two years ago. Adams is a gentleman of character but his frequent shifts of position upon the liquor question has lost him the confidence of many who would otherwise be gratified at his promotion.

The minority members of the Senate acted with commendable patriotism when they refused to interpose any obstacle to the election of Col. Baxter. The majority in a legislative body is responsible for legislation and it has the right to control. Members of the Legislature who will not acknowledge this principle have an erroneous conception of the spirit of our American institutions and are not worthy to sit as representatives of the people. The people are less concerned about the political fortunes of certain individuals than those representatives who have delayed the proper organization of the House seem to think.

## HON. A. M. LEACH.

Members of the majority faction of the House of Representatives made no mistake when they selected A. M. Leach, of Clarksville, for Speaker. Mr. Leach is a business man who has been successful; he is possessed of ability and integrity and his election should be an assurance to the people of the State that the office of Speaker, one of great responsibility, will be worthily filled. Mr. Leach is a native of Murfreesboro where he was born fifty-one years ago. For the past fifteen years he has been engaged in business in the city of Clarksville and has accumulated considerable property. No man stands higher in the estimation of business associates than Mr. Leach. He has never been an office seeker nor a politician in the common acceptance of that term, although as a good citizen he has always taken a lively and altogether commendable interest in the affairs of his county and State. He was a member of the House two years ago and made a most creditable record. That he will fill the position with credit to himself and honor to the State those who know him have no doubt.

## SUPT. GRAHAM'S SALARY.

Members of the County Court displayed commendable wisdom and public spirit when on Monday they adopted Squire Bellenfant's motion to increase the salary of Superintendent Graham by the amount that the State allows under the general educational act of 1909. This fixes the salary of that official at \$1350 which is reasonably fair compensation for what is really the most important office in the county. But wealth and population considered it is now less than is paid in any of the larger counties of the State.

Madison county with a smaller population than Maury and with about half of the taxable wealth, pays its Superintendent a salary of \$1500 and that will be still further increased by the State appropriation. Montgomery county which has some 4,000 fewer school children than Maury, pays the Superintendent \$1200; Davidson county with a country school population about the same as that of this county, pays the Superintendent \$1800, while Hamilton county pays \$2400. Lauderdale with half of the scholastic population of Maury county, pays the Superintendent a salary of \$1500; Weakley with 2,000 fewer children than Maury county pays \$1200 and Tipton also pays \$1200. These are the salaries prior to January 1, or before the act of 1909 with respect to State aid took effect.

There will be little if any, criticism of the County Court for its action Monday. Its course was directly in accordance with the spirit of the act, which was not to relieve the counties of any obligation, but to insure adequate compensation for the most important official in the entire public school system. The fact that Squire Bellenfant, long known as the

watch dog of the treasury of Maury county, made the motion is ample evidence that the increased salary was not extravagant but true economy.

The Court and the people of the county, especially the patrons of the schools, deserve congratulations upon the re-election of Graham. With an adequate tax levy, with better houses for the pupils and with a constantly increasing standard of efficiency among the teachers and with excellent supervision there is every reason to feel optimistic over the school outlook in this county. The Herald is an advocate of economy but it knows that a first class school system costs money, lots of it, and any policy which denies the schools the funds necessary to their efficient administration is false economy and controversy to the public interests.

## BREAKING A QUORUM.

There is no justification whatever for the course of the Pattersonites in the House in deliberately absenting themselves from the session and preventing the orderly transaction of business. This action, taken on the first day of the session and before organization was perfected, is so far as the knowledge of this journal goes, without precedent in this country, certainly in Tennessee. Members forgot their higher obligations to the people of the State in their mad worship of a party fetish and their mistaken loyalty to a party faction. Men are not elected to the Legislature to act for a faction or to advance the interests of a politician. They are supposedly chosen as the representatives of all the people. Upon this hypothesis there can be no justification whatever for the action of the Patterson followers on Monday. Their duty is to act for the State of Tennessee and certainly that duty cannot be conscientiously performed by a deliberate disregard of a sacred obligation.

The precedent for this unjustifiable and reprehensible conduct was set by Patterson two years ago when he advised and procured thirteen Senators to violate their sacred oaths and flee the State of Tennessee to prevent the enforcement of a law they had taken a solemn obligation to uphold and defend. Pattersonism is responsible for the deplorable state of affairs that exist in Tennessee and we have no doubt that it was upon advice of Patterson on Monday as it was upon his suggestion two years ago, that the effort was made to block business by breaking a quorum. It will be years and years before this State recovers from the blighting effects of Pattersonism. Those who have prated about loyalty to the Democratic party and a desire for harmony have been exposed. Their hollow pretensions have proven to be utterly devoid of sincerity and were merely a cloak under which to again secure control of the State.

The reprehensible course of the Pattersonites in the House probably foreshadows a yet more damnable plot to prevent Hooper from taking his seat. Any effort in that direction deserves and should receive the severest condemnation of all right thinking people. But the Patterson faction is so full of the virus of Pattersonism that it will hesitate at nothing; it will resort to any plan or stoop to any method to again secure control of the patronage of Tennessee. The army of lawbreakers and the pardon and office brokerage brigade is evidently not yet persuaded that the people meant their verdict of last November when they were ordered to abdicate the temple which they had polluted.

## HOLDING UP APPOINTMENTS.

The Herald is loath to believe that there is any substantial foundation for the report that a majority of the members of the Senate will vote against the confirmation of Democrats nominated by Gov. Hooper upon the ground that they are Democrats. Politics should play a very minor part in the selection of office holders and we hope that Gov. Hooper will look more to the fitness of the applicant, to his peculiar qualifications for the office sought and to his character as a citizen than he will to his political alignments in making the appointments of his office holders. That Gov. Hooper's course will be such as to justify this hope we have little doubt. The members of the Senate should be guided by the same high and patriotic motives.

The Herald does not care a rap whether Gov. Hooper's appointees are Democrats or Republicans or Populists so long as they are capable, honest and of high character. And a majority of the people of Tennessee think just as we do about the matter. It makes no difference to us whether the Governor divides the patronage between the Democrats and Republicans or gives the lion's share of it to the members of his own party. Frankly we prefer, all other things being equal, that he make up his official family from among those of his

own political faith. But if he selects a Democrat who is capable, honest and against whose character no word can be truthfully uttered the Senator who votes against his confirmation purely from partisan feeling is unworthy a seat in the Senate and proves himself recreant to his trust and false to his oath of office.

President Taft has appointed many Democrats to office and he it said to their credit the Republicans have given him quite as much praise for his broad patriotism as he has received from the ranks of his opponents. Everywhere the factional and party spirit is being sacrificed for the good of the country. Tennessee cannot afford to be a laggard. It must cease to live in the past, but in the present and for the future. Gov. Hooper should have the cordial support of every citizen of Tennessee in all of his endeavors to advance the interests of the State. And if in his judgment he can accomplish that purpose by the appointment of a Democrat to office no right thinking individual has just ground for criticism. Should the majority members of the Senate refuse to confirm appointees upon the ground alone of their politics Tennessee would be still further disgraced in the eyes of the nation.

## ATTEND THE MEETING.

There will be a meeting of the members of the Board of Trade on next Tuesday night. This meeting should be well attended. At that time a committee will be elected to nominate the officers for the ensuing year. Besides this there are other matters of vital interest to the people here to be considered. If Columbia and Maury county are to receive direct benefits from the proposed State highway the business men of this section must get busy. The road will not come through the county unless more interest is shown than has been manifested.

The Herald believes that if the business men of this community will show more interest in the general welfare, if they will show a better spirit of co-operation and live less for and unto themselves that Columbia can more than regain during the coming decade what it lost during the past. But no narrow spirit of selfishness will accomplish this. We regret to note the fact but during the year that the Board of Trade has existed, kept together by a devoted little band of about twenty-five, the capitalists, the leading business financial and commercial factors, with very few exceptions, have absolutely ignored its existence. Some of them have paid dues but they have never attended a meeting or given the slightest manifestation of interest in its affairs. This is not a condition of affairs that makes for the advancement of the community. Boards of Trade and similar organizations have had no small part in the building up of the great cities of this country and it is time that Columbia profited by their experience.

## PROVIDING FOR THE POOR.

Reports from all sections are to the effect that better provision was made for the poor during the holidays this year than ever before. The public appears to have responded more generously and the work of the charity organizations has been more systematically directed than ever before. The genuine Christmas spirit which finds its highest and best manifestation in the doing of good deeds and the giving of pleasure to others has been abroad this season as never before. The world has been closer to the true Christ idea of living; it has entered into tighter bonds with the real ideals of the Christian faith. Christmas is gone but the world is infinitely better for the experience which it has brought us. The memory of this anniversary of the savior's birth will live with thousands in tenderest recollection where at other seasons they have soon forgotten it. Christmas is, as it should be, the brightest and best of all occasions.

DR. F. E. BIRKETT  
IS COMING SOON

NEW PASTOR OF THE CUMBERLAND CHURCH WILL PREACH HERE SUNDAY.

Rev. F. E. Birkett, the new pastor of the First Cumberland Presbyterian church at this place, will arrive in the city tomorrow, and will preach his first sermon at the church next Sunday.

The coming of Dr. Birkett will fill one of the vacant pulpits now in Columbia, the other one being the First Christian. The congregation of this church will likely take some action to secure a new minister during this month.

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15c LONG CLOTH, 12 1/2c  
Ten pieces 15c 36 inch Long Cloth, soft finished, 12 1/2c.

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Ten pieces 36 inch Linen Weft Linen Cambric, 29c.

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Ladies' Heavy White Union Suits, \$1.00.

Ladies' White Union Suits, 50c.  
Misses' Heavy White and Grey Union Suits, 50c.  
Boys' Heavy Grey Union Suits, 50c.  
Ten dozen Boys' Heavy Shirts and Pants, 25c.  
Men's Heavy Cotton Ribbed and Fleece Lined Shirts and Drawers, 50c.  
Men's Heavy Cotton Shirts and Drawers, Wool Fleece Lined, \$1.00.  
Men's Heavy All Wool Shirts and Drawers, \$1.50.

## SOME SPECIAL THINGS IN WARM COMFORTS.

Three large Elderdown Comforts, \$6.90.  
Three large Elderdown Comforts, \$4.90.  
Two dozen large Silkene Comforts filled with clean cotton and well made, \$2.98.  
Two dozen large Comforts, \$1.50.  
Five dozen heavy Cotton Comforts, 89c, \$1.00 and \$1.25.

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## SANTA FE BANK IS A HAMPSHIRE PIKE

## PROGRESSIVE ONE STORE IS ROBBED

CAPABLE OFFICERS BELIEVE IN THE USE OF PRINTERS INK.

Although the youngest institution of its kind in the county The Bank of Santa Fe is destined to be numbered among the most progressive. W. T. Holland, the cashier, and his board of directors, appreciate the value of advertising and have made a contract with The Weekly Herald and the advertisement of that institution appears in this issue. The bank has a strong claim upon its constituents as is shown by this advertisement.

This bank is housed in its own building well located in the thriving little town of Santa Fe and has all of the modern conveniences for a banking establishment. Its list of directors and officers constitute a guarantee of its careful management.

BURGLARS SMASH CASH DRAWER AND SECURE TWO PENNIES OFFICERS CALLED.

The store of L. W. Voss on the Hampshire pike was broken into Wednesday night and robbed of a large piece of meat, a sack of flour and some other small items. The cash drawer was smashed, but as there were only two pennies in it the robbers did not secure any great amount of cash. The same store was entered by burglars about four years ago, and the same means of entrance was used this time. A wash tub was set up under the back window, and an axe was used to break the window sash. The robbery was discovered by Mr. Voss about seven o'clock this morning, when he entered the store to build a fire. Officers are looking for the thief.